

In the Specification:

Please amend by adding the following before paragraph 1, page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority to International Patent Application No.: PCT/AU2004/000967, entitled “*FIRE RETARDANT PAPER*”, having an international filing date of July 16, 2004, which claims priority from AU Patent Application No.: 2003903873 filed July 28, 2003. The entirety of the aforementioned patent applications are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.